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SUBJECT: FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA

REF: TUNIS 303 (NOTAL)

1. DURING CONVERSATION JANUARY 18 WITH AMBASSADOR WITMAN AND EMBOFF, QUAI'S DIRECTOR FOR THE NEAR EAST AND NORTH AFRICA DECOMMINES GENERALLY CONFIRMED REFTEL'S DESCRIPTION OF THE JANUARY 14 MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR GAUCHER. DE COMMINES ADDED THAT BOURGUIBA ALSO HAD TOLD GAUCHER THAT FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LIBYA-TUNISIAN UNION, BOURGUIBA HAD CALLED PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE TO ASK ALGERIA TO JOIN THE UNION. BOURGUIBA INDICATED THAT BOUMEDIENNE HAD REPLIED, "I WON'T BOARD A MOVING TRAIN."

2. DE COMMINES COMMENTED THAT BOURGUIBA HAD CHOSEN A STRANGE MOMENT TO PROPOSE UNION TO ALGERIA AND NOTED THAT THE OFFER HAD NOT DETERRED ALGERIA FROM SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUING A STRONG COMMUNIQUE CRITICIZING THE MERGER.
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